

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES - B.S.

College of Education Health and Human Services
 School of Foundations, Leadership and Administration
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About This Program

The Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Studies is a complete program designed for those who wish to work in education, health and human services settings or to continue their studies in a related graduate program. The program reflects a consideration for the nature of the setting in which individuals will work (e.g., youth center, social agency, museum, park, business), the particular skills and competencies required in such career (e.g., program planning, technology utilization, interpersonal and multicultural facilitation) and the nature of the particular function which characterizes the option (e.g., program design, instruction, service delivery).

Contact Information

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- Speak with an Advisor
- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - Mostly online
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers and Salaries*

Child, family, and school social workers

- 11.7% much faster than the average
- 342,500 number of jobs
- \$48,430 potential earnings

Community health workers

- 15.2% much faster than the average
- 64,900 number of jobs
- \$42,000 potential earnings

Museum technicians and conservators

- 11.6% much faster than the average
- 14,800 number of jobs
- \$45,710 potential earnings

Sales managers

- 3.5% about as fast as the average
- 433,800 number of jobs
- \$132,290 potential earnings

Social and community service managers

- 17.0% much faster than the average
- 175,500 number of jobs
- \$69,600 potential earnings

Teaching assistants, except postsecondary

- 3.6% about as fast as the average
- 1,395,900 number of jobs
- \$28,900 potential earnings

* Source of occupation titles and labor data comes from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Occupational Outlook Handbook. Data comprises projected percent change in employment over the next 10 years; nation-wide employment numbers; and the yearly median wage at which half of the workers in the occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Admission Requirements

Students wishing to declare the Professional Studies major must meet with either the program's coordinator or with the academic advisor within the College of Education, Health and Human Services to discuss their future academic and career goals and to develop an approved program of study. Ideally, students should begin the process for evaluation and program review at or near the time they have a minimum of 60 earned credit hours.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency unless they meet specific exceptions. For more information, visit the admissions website for international students.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
PROS 44004	RESEARCH AND WRITINGS IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (WIC) (min C grade) ¹	3
PROS 44005	EXPLORATION AND APPLICATION OF LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR VARIED PROFESSIONAL SETTINGS	3
PROS 44092	PRACTICUM IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (ELR) ²	1-12
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10001	FLASHES 101	1
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning		3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9
Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)		6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)		6-7
Kent Core Additional		6
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credits hour, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		76
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

- ¹ Students who have successfully completed a designated writing-intensive course may be waived from PROS 44004 with approval by the Professional Studies program coordinator. A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.
- ² State/Federal background checks may be required for practicum experiences. Students with prior work, internship, practicum, student teaching and/or field experience may be waived from PROS 44092 with approval by the Professional Studies program coordinator. However, the experiential learning requirement will still need to be met by a course or non-course activity. A maximum of 12 credit hours of PROS 44092 may apply toward graduation requirements.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- No dual degree/major may be earned with the Professional Studies major.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Flashes 101 (UC 10001)	1 credit hour
Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37 credit hours
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 credit hours
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120 credit hours

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of education that meets the requirements of the College of Education, Health and Human Services.
2. Apply skills and competencies required in desired career paths.